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TYPE OPENINGS IN SPRAY ARMS FOR DISHWASHER
MACHINES

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DE 38 16 408 A1 discloses that, in the case of a dishwashing machine, individual spray elements (5) which can be connected to a circulating pump (26) via a changeover device (22) are situated within a washing container (1). In order to achieve, with minimized water consumption, adaptation of the rinsing action exerted on the dishes to be cleaned, for example as a function of the loading, the spray elements (5) can be connected in free succession to the circulating pump (26) via the changeover device (22).

EP 0 988 824 A1 discloses a dishwasher has a spray arm (3) with a spray nozzle (5) arranged on top. A device is provided for adjusting the hollow spray stream.

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